restricted as per the package rates mentioned in this Ministry's earlier O.M. No. S.11011/16/94-CGHS-Desk II/CMO(D) CGHS (P) dated 18.09.1996. Escorts Hospital and Research Centre, Faridabad and Holy Family Hospital did not apply for recognition of their hospitals under the CGHS.

Protective measures against natural calamities

*4. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had written to all State Governments pointing out which of their territorial areas were prone to natural calamities such as earthquake, cyclone and floods and suggesting protective measures which they should take to minimise the likely damage in case any such disaster struck;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States who responded to the suggestions made and the measures taken/being taken by these States in this regard; and

(d) further steps being taken by Government to pursue the matter with the remaining States?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has communicated to the State Governments/UTs pointing out areas which are more prone to natural hazards. The need to promote disaster resistant technologies through suitable amendments in their building bye-laws and regulations, land use zoning, development control rules and Town & Country Planning acts was also emphasized in the communications. This Ministry had also advised the States/UTs to take up programmes for retrofitting and strengthening of the existing housing stock with a view to preventing their large scale damage and destruction in case of occurrence of any natural hazard.

(c) A Statmenet is given (*See* below).

(d) Two national level meetings were organised with the State Ministries and professionals to focus on the need for introducing disaster resistant technologies in building and housing construction.

State Governments/UTs were requested to ensure timely action on amendment of the concerned rules & regulations. The Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council under Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has been advised to follow up the matter with States and UT Governments concerned to ensure that suitable amendments are incorporated in the building bye-laws and regulations quickly.

Statement

A status report of the response of the States/UTs regarding review of the bye-laws & Development Control Rules to improve preparedness against natural disasters.

1.	States & UTs who have amended/initiated action for amendment of Building Bye-laws-Consequent to the issues raised by the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal
2.	States/UTs where Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has helped in formulating appropriate amendments.	Delhi, Gujarat, Tripura
3.	States/UTs where building Bye-laws are yet to be amendment.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands Haryana, J&K, Karnataka, Kerala, Meghalaya, Pondicherry, Sikkim.
4.	States/UTs where Bye-laws are yet to be enacted.	Arunachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep, Nagaland.

Institutions for disinvestment

†*5. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.